

state but the fact of the matter is, and they did have a bill introduced in the Education Committee to address that concern, and this is part of that bill. There are two reasons I stand up in opposition. First of all, that bill couldn't get out of the Education Committee so we are in the process of inserting parts of another bill into this bill which is I think a bad policy to follow, but more importantly, the language allowing biannual courses is really broad to put it in the statutes. The Department of Education, and they did not do it as much as they possibly could have or should have, but they are in the process of working through that mechanism and working through those rules and regs, and they can through the rules and regulations process allow these types of things to happen in limited cases. The problem with putting this kind of language in the statutes is that it allows it to happen in a multitude of cases, in all cases. Now let me point out to you, and now I know many of you have a difficult time of relating to how it works if you have only got 30 students in a high school, but what happens is you have a course offered every other year. Now that is fine if you are talking about courses that you don't have to have any prerequisites for. It is fine if it is something that you don't need to know the previous subject first, that you don't have to have it in order. If you have to have it in order, then it is a little difficult for that to happen, particularly if you happen to move into the community. What happens if you move into the community as a junior and you have not had the prerequisite course and suddenly you are there at the time when the other course is being offered. So this should by rule and regulation be allowed only for those courses that do not require a specific prerequisite in order to move into it, and by putting it in the statute in the fashion that the amendment would ask for, I think we are tying the Department of Education's hands and allowing things to happen that probably for the best educational purposes of the children should not happen. Now I understand the concern of the small schools. I understand the concern and the difficulty in meeting some of the requirements, but if you recall last year on 994, there were a number of people saying we shouldn't be dictating things in the statutes to the Department of Education. Well, I don't think we should be dictating to this degree either. I don't think we should be putting in the statutes mechanisms that it is going to be virtually impossible for the Department to make certain that it is only those biannual courses that are offered that will